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TITLE OF INVENTION: TOBACCO PROCESSING

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Applicant(s): David MCCRAY PEELE
Filing Date: December 12, 2000
For: TOBACCO PROCESSING
Group Art Unit: 1731
Examiner: Dionne A. Walls

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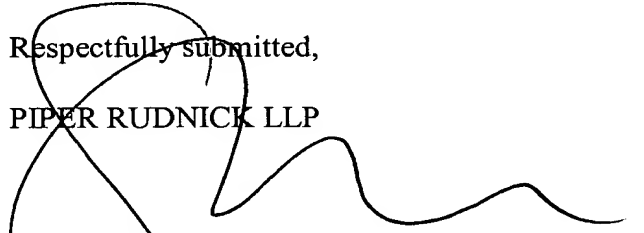
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| | 3. ADDITIONAL FEES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. BASIC FILING FEE | 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
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| 1003 | 520 | 2003 | 260 | Plant filing fee | | 1254 | 1480 | 2254 | 740 | 4-mo. ext. of time | |
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| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | | 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
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| 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES | | | | | 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for Oral Hearing | |
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| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Description | | 8001 | 3 | 8001 | 3 | Advance Copy of Patent | |
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| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | | 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | IDS Submission | |
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| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | | 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Assignment recordation | |
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| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | | 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | For Filing RCE | |
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| 1204 | 84 | 2204 | 43 | *Reissue independent claims over original patent | | 1814 | 110 | 2814 | 55 | Terminal Disclaimer | |
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| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | *Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | | OTHER (indicate below): | | | | | |
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